

BY-LAWS
or
THE LYME ART ASSOCIATION, Inc.

ARTICLE I

Membership

SECTION 1. The members of the association shall be divided into three classes, viz: Active, Associate and Honorary.

SEC. 2. Active members shall be the Artist Members, who shall be professional artists following their profession in or near the town of Old Lyme, and who shall have exhibited in the Annual Exhibition of the Association; and such others, not artists, as may be elected, and the number of which latter shall not exceed that of the artist members. Active members shall have the exclusive right to vote and shall exercise all the powers of the association. Non-artist active members shall not vote in the election of artist members, nor in any other matters pertaining to the art business and art affairs of the association.

SEC. 3. Associate members shall be chosen from residents of Old Lyme and vicinity who may be interested in the objects of the association. Artist members who have not worked in the town of Lyme for two consecutive years, may be transferred to honorary membership by vote of the Art Committee and be reinstated to active membership on their return. In both cases a two-thirds vote of members present shall be necessary.

SEC. 4. Honorary members shall be persons interested in art who may be elected to membership by the active members, and who shall not be required to pay dues.

SEC. 5. The election of members shall take place only at the regular meetings. They shall be proposed by an

active member and voted upon by ballot. A two-thirds vote of all the members present shall be necessary for election. Artist members shall be proposed and elected by artist members only.

SEC. 6. All active and associate members shall pay dues of one dollar per year.

SEC. 7. Members may be expelled by the vote of two-thirds of all the members of the association entitled to vote.

SEC. 8. Persons ceasing to be members of the association shall cease to have any interest in its property.

ARTICLE II

Officers

SECTION 1. The officers of the association shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer, who, together with two artist members, shall constitute an Executive Committee, all of whom shall be elected at the annual meeting. The president and treasurer to be elected from the non-artist active members. The offices of vice-president and treasurer may be filled by the same person.

SEC. 2. The president shall preside at the meetings of the association and of the executive committee; he shall, with the secretary, sign all written contracts and obligations of the association; and he shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to the office. He shall be *ex-officio* member of all committees except the art committee.

SEC. 3. The vice-president shall act in case of the absence or inability of the president.

SEC. 4. The secretary shall keep a true record of the proceedings of all meetings of the association and of the executive committee. These minutes shall be open to the inspection of the members at all reasonable times. He shall also keep a correct roll of all members, file all docu-

ments, reports and letters connected with the business of the association; notify each member of his election, and furnish him with a copy of these by-laws; issue notices of meetings of the association and conduct its correspondence. In case of inability to attend any meeting he shall cause the necessary books and papers to be conveyed to the place of meeting.

SAC. 5. The treasurer shall receive all moneys due the association and pay all bills contracted by it, upon approval of the executive committee, keeping a correct account of the same in books provided for the purpose, which shall at all reasonable times be open to the inspection of the executive committee. He shall report in writing at each regular meeting of the association the balance of money on hand and the outstanding obligations of the association as far as practicable, and he shall make a full report at the annual meeting of the receipts and disbursements of the year. Checks and drafts drawn by the treasurer upon any of the funds of the association exceeding one hundred dollars in amount shall be countersigned by some other member of the executive committee.

SAC. 6. The artists' committee shall consist of all artist members. They shall elect all artist members, arrange all exhibitions, elect all exhibition committees and have charge of all art matters of the association. At the meetings of this committee, ten (10) members shall constitute a quorum.

SAC. 7. The executive committee shall have general charge of the affairs, funds and property of the association. It shall be its duty to carry out the objects and purposes thereof; and to this end may exercise all the powers of the association, subject to the by-laws and to such action as the association may take at its meetings. Three members of this committee shall constitute a quorum.

SAC. 8. All officers shall be elected by ballot from among the active members at the annual meeting. A two-thirds vote of all members present shall be necessary for an election.

They shall hold office for one year from the date of their election, or until their successors shall be chosen.

SEC. 9. Any vacancy in office shall be filled for the residue of the term by the action of the executive committee.

ARTICLE III

Meetings

SECTION 1. Two regular meetings for the transaction of business shall be held each year viz: on the third Saturday in June and September. The June meeting shall be known as the annual meeting. Ten active members shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 2. Special meetings of the association may be called by the president at any time, on ten days' notice, and shall be called upon the written request of at least five members.

ARTICLE IV

By-Laws

SECTION 1. No amendments of the by-laws shall be made unless the proposed amendment be presented at a regular or special meeting of the association with the prior written approval of not less than five active members. The secretary shall send to each active member a copy of the proposed amendment, at least one week prior to the said meeting, and action may be taken on the same at said meeting, a two-thirds vote being necessary for adoption.